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SUBJ: GAO REVIEW OF FORCE WITHDRAWAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. AMBASSADOR IS IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM THE MANAGER OF USGAO IN BANGKOK CITING A REQUEST BY THEIR WASHINGTON HEAD-QUARTERS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE CURRENT PLANS AND DECISIONS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM THAILAND IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR "REVIEW OF NEED FOR MORE PRECISE POLICY GUIDANCE FOR PROGRAM MANAGERS IN THAILAND."

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE GAO WISHES TO REVIEW THE PERTINENT ASPECTS OF THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS WHICH RESULTED IN THE DECISION ON MARCH 20, 1976, TO REMOVE ALL U.S. FORCES AND EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT 270 JUSMAG ADVISORS, BY JULY 20, 1976. THEY PLAN TO INQUIRE ABOUT SUCH TOPICS AS 1) THE TIMING AND DETAILS OF THE DEMANDS BY THE RTG, 2) THE EMBASSY'S ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THESE DEMANDS, AND 3) THE LATITUDE IN NEGOTIATIONS GIVEN TO THE U.S. EMBASSY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THEY DESIRE TO COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS AND REVIEW THE RECORDS ON MAY 5.

3. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO THIS PROPOSED GAO REVIEW AND ALSO THE EXTENT OF ANY PRELIMINARY BRIEFINGS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO GAO HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.
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